

**RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, May 24, 2011**

The Richmond City Council Evening Open Session was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin.  
**Absent:** Councilmembers Bates and Rogers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The city clerk announced that the purpose of the Evening Open Session was for the City Council to hear public comments on the following items to be discussed in Closed Session:

**CITY COUNCIL**

**LIABILITY CLAIMS - PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9):**

Richmond Police Athletic League vs. City Richmond

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision [a] of Government Code Section 54956.9):**

Communities for a Better Environment vs. City of Richmond

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision [b] of Government Code Section 54956.9):**

Four cases

**There were no public speakers.**

The Evening Open Session adjourned to Closed Session at 5:06 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

The Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Boozé, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Absent:** None.

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

## **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Naomi Williams requested that the City Council place a moratorium on the issuance of any new alcohol sale or distribution licenses for the city of Richmond. She also announced that the Juneteenth Celebration would be held on June 18, 2011.

Cordell White expressed his disappointment with individuals loitering in the parking lots of businesses within the City of Richmond.

Patricia Jones spoke in support of open space regards the North Richmond Shoreline.

Sims Thompson thanked the Engineering Services Department for addressing an issue regarding the PG&E Service Vaults in front of the Richmond Main Public Library.

Jackie Thompson stated that she attended a National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) session for city officials, elected officials, managers, supervisors, and commissioners regarding issues the elderly may have in public housing, specifically proper access within their living quarters. Councilmember Booze was a special panel speaker.

## **AGENDA REVIEW**

Moved Item F-5 before Open Forum For Public Comment.

## **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS**

*This item was heard before Open Forum for Public Comment.* Mayor McLaughlin read and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Gompers Staff member, Marilyn Harrison, for her long-time and invaluable contributions to the enrichment of the lives of Gompers High School students. Ms. Harrison gave comments and thanked the City of Richmond for acknowledging her contributions. Cordell White, Latoya Williams, Councilmembers Boozé, Bates, and Beckles gave comments.

*The following items were heard following Open Forum for Public Comment:*

Mayor McLaughlin read and presented a certification honoring Richmond's Commission on Aging members and acknowledging Older American Month. Eli Williams thanked the City Council for the recognition and he introduced the members of the commission. He requested that everyone contact state and federal leaders to encourage them to stop cuts to services for seniors. He also thanked Councilmember Boozé for attending the senior's Zydeco Dance held on May 20, 2011. He also stated that on June 24, 2011, the

Commission on Aging would sponsor an emergency preparedness workshop in the Bermuda Room of the Richmond Memorial Auditorium starting at 9 a.m. with a continental breakfast. Naomi Williams, Cordell White, Councilmembers Boozé, and Bates gave comments.

Fire Chief Michael Banks introduced Fire Inspector Robin Poindexter who presented awards to the first place winners of the 2010 Junior Fire Chief Program. Councilmember Boozé gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin read and presented small business awards to Nunez Tadoo, Kenbella's Restaurant, and Philadelphia Hoagie Station. Each owner gave comments. Cordell White and Councilmember Boozé gave comments.

Mayor McLaughlin presented Certificates of Appreciation and flowers to the Principal of Peres Elementary School Jean Hansen and to the Principal of Cesar Chavez Elementary School Jeanette Ramirez for their work related to the General Plan pilot Health and Wellness Implementation in the Iron Triangle North and Belding Woods. Principal Hansen introduced the Vice Principal of Peres Elementary School Jawan Eldridge, who also was a part of the General Plan pilot Health and Wellness Implementation. She also thanked the City of Richmond for the opportunity to be a part of the pilot. Principal Ramirez gave comments and also thanked the City of Richmond for the opportunity to be a part of the pilot. Councilmember Boozé gave comments.

**REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY OF  
FINAL DECISIONS MADE AND NON-  
CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS HELD DURING  
CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Randy Riddle reported that there were no reportable actions.

**STUDY SESSION**

The City Council received a presentation by the City of Richmond's Washington, DC based consultant, Dick Kochan, regarding federal issues of local interest and importance. Sims Thompson gave comments. Councilmembers Ritterman and Boozé requested a report of funding available for reentry programs.

The City Council received an update from Jordan Simmons, Executive/Artistic Director of the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts, on the progress of the Winters Building reconstruction at the corner of 11th Street and Macdonald Avenue in the Iron Triangle area. He stated that the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts would hold a Grand Opening in October and he invited the City Council to visit the building prior to the Grand Opening. Cordell White, Councilmembers Boozé, and Rogers gave comments.

The City Council received a presentation and report from the National Research Center on the City's 2011 Community Survey results. Program Analyst LaShonda Wilson introduced the item and turned the presentation over to Doctor Thomas Miller Founder and Director of the National Research Center. The presentation included a PowerPoint Presentation. Sims Thompson, Councilmembers Ritterman, Rogers, Boozé, Bates, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin gave comments.

### **STUDY AND DIRECTION TO STAFF SESSION**

In the matter to receive a presentation from the Marin Clean Authority; adopt a resolution to demonstrate the City's intent to explore Community Choice Aggregation with the Marin Energy Authority; demonstrate the City's support of clean, local energy and Community Choice Aggregation; and authorize the city manager to request the City's energy consumption data from Pacific Gas & Electric City Manager Bill Lindsay gave a brief overview and introduced the representatives of Marin Clean Authority who gave a presentation. Sims Thompson and Tim Laidman gave comments. On motion of Vice Mayor Butt, seconded by Mayor McLaughlin adopted **Resolution No. 40-11** to demonstrate the City's intent to explore Community Choice Aggregation with the Marin Energy Authority; demonstrate the City's support of clean, local energy and Community Choice Aggregation; and authorize the city manager to request the City's energy consumption data from Pacific Gas & Electric; and also requested staff add a projection of potential jobs as a part of the next report by the following vote: **Ayes:** Councilmembers Beckles, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin. **Noes:** Councilmember Boozé. **Abstentions:** None. **Absent:** Councilmember Bates.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, July 5, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Approved:

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Mayor